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Your LEGO Bricks?"



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Hey Builders Club Members!

Spring is on the way... but no matter what season it is, LEGO MANIACS are always ready to spring into building action! In fact, my mail bag has been overflowing with lots of great letters, photos, and ideas sent in by club members from around the country.

One member, Willie Noveck from Birmingham, Michigan, likes to build with his own kind of rockin' rhythm! He wrote a dynamite "rap song" naming his favorite game - "The Super Silly LEGO Song." So get into the groove and make the right move to sing along with Willie!

LEGO bricks are perfect for making all kinds of incredible creations - like the "imaginary animals" born at the Audubon Zoo in New Orleans, Louisiana! At the annual summer "Build-Off", hundreds of local kids enjoyed watching teams of architects click their bricks together to form wild and wonderful LEGO creatures. "B.U.B." - which is a nickname for the "Big Ugly Beast" - grew to be an eight foot tall, giant "reptomammal" with a thrashing tongue, creepy scales, and menacing set of wings. Other make-believe critters who made an appearance were the legendary four-headed "Swamp Gargou" and a dragon-like creature called a "Griffin"... now *that's* what I call a LEGO zoo!

We are not alone! Did you know that LEGO MANIACS in other countries have their own Builders Clubs? There is a LEGO Club in Canada that is popular with our building buddies across the border. And the LEGO Club headquartered in England has been growing strong for more than ten years. (Like the U.S. Builders Club, membership is only open to the nation's

THE SUPER SILLY LEGO SONG

Willie's my name. LEGO is my game.
I do it in the sun and the rain.
I do it high and low.
I do it wherever I go.
So if you're looking for some LEGO
and you don't know what to do,
Go to Willie and he'll help you.

By Willie Noveck



Brick Building Art



Look the "Big Ugly Beast"

residents! It just goes to show that LEGO bricks are a world of fun!

Keep on building

Jack

Jack - I'm a "LEGO MANIAC" !!

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CHILD'S PLAY... THE GROWN UP WAY!

Some LEGO builders are **pretty serious** about having fun. They collect every LEGO set they can get their hands on. They build for hours on end, fascinated by clicking the colorful little bricks together in endless combinations. Most of all, they love to use their imaginations. In fact, they are a lot like most other Builders Club members, except for one big difference: These loyal LEGO MANIACS are adults!

"You are never too old to play with LEGO bricks," says Ursula Currie, a 52-year-old LEGO MANIAC from San Antonio, Texas. Ursula has so many LEGO pieces that she keeps them in a special shed in her yard. This large building is just for play, and houses a huge LEGO city that Ursula is always rearranging.



"A souped-up LEGO module" from adult James Meredith



Ursula Currie's "LEGO City."

Ursula's husband thinks, "She is the biggest kid I know." But now he enjoys building with LEGO bricks too, so Ursula buys two of every set—one for each of them. "I feel like this is my real childhood," Ursula says. "I grew up in East Germany, and it was a very hard life. I didn't have many toys, and had to get a job when I was eight years old. Now that I live in America, and have my own home, I am able to be childish and have fun. I feel like a queen." With her huge collection of bricks, Ursula certainly could be considered the LEGO queen! And this year she is going to take her dream vacation—a trip to LEGOLAND Park in Denmark!



"Self-Portrait" by teacher, Martin Westley

Many adults were introduced to LEGO bricks as a gift—only the gift was originally bought for a child! When he was 65 years old, Udo Pirani was searching for a present he could give to a friend's son. He decided the perfect gift was a LEGO set... but he was so fascinated by the colorful little bricks that he couldn't keep his hands off them! So Udo kept the one set for himself, and bought another one to give to the young boy.

Udo, who lives in Switzerland, is now 81 years of age—and still building strong! In the last 16 years, this enthusiastic LEGO MANIAC has made all kinds

of buildings, ornamental wall decorations, and free-standing sculptures. Like a lot of Builders Club members, Udo takes his models apart to make new creations. But before he does, he takes a photograph. Right now, his LEGO photo album contains pictures of more than 541 different models!

Club members know that a building challenge can be educational *and* fun! Designer and teacher Martin Westley discovered the building pleasures of LEGO bricks two years ago, when he was teaching students at Auburn University in Alabama. "My class was learning about two-dimensional design, and each student had to complete a project. I thought that I should do the assignment as well, and

decided that LEGO bricks were the perfect material for me to work with," explains 33-year-old Martin. The class loved his presentation—which was a large LEGO brick "self-portrait" that Martin created by "LEGO-tizing" a photograph.

Martin has plans for other LEGO projects, too. "Someday I'd like to build a huge sports mural using DUPLO blocks," he says.

There are more adult LEGO MANIACS than you might imagine... so don't be surprised if your parents ask, "Hey, kids, can I borrow your LEGO bricks?"